



REGULATED INFORMATION

**PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 14 OF THE BELGIAN LAW OF
2 MAY 2007 REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF MAJOR SHAREHOLDINGS
(THE “TRANSPARENCY LAW”)**

GHENT, Belgium, 13 October 2017 – Ablynx [*Euronext Brussels: ABLX; OTC: ABYLY*] today announced, in accordance with Article 14 of the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 regarding the publication of major shareholdings in issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market (the “Transparency Law”), that it received a notification of shareholdings from Van Herk Investments B.V. on 11 October 2017.

Van Herk Investments B.V. notified Ablynx that it has crossed the 10% threshold on 10 October 2017 and now holds 6,136,386 Ablynx shares, representing 9.99% of the current 61,419,295 outstanding Ablynx shares (versus 10.07% notified previously on 20 January 2017).

The notification contains the following information:

- **Reason for the notification:** acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- **Notification by:** a parent undertaking or a controlling person
- **Persons subject to the notification requirement:** Mr. A. van Herk, Van Herk Investments B.V., Lichtenauerlaan 30, 3062 ME, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- **Transaction date:** 10 October 2017
- **Threshold that is crossed:** 10%
- **Denominator:** 61,419,295
- **Details of the notification:** Van Herk Investments B.V. holds 6,136,386 Ablynx shares
- **Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively being held:** Van Herk Investments B.V. is controlled by Mr. A. van Herk in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of the Dutch Companies Code.

Full versions of all transparency notifications are available on Ablynx website, under the section [Investors](#).

The articles of the association of Ablynx NV provide for shareholders notification threshold of 3%, 5% or a multiple of 5% of the total number of existing voting rights.

About Ablynx

[Ablynx](#) is a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of [Nanobodies](#), proprietary therapeutic proteins based on single-domain antibody fragments, which combine the advantages of conventional antibody drugs with some of the features of small-molecule drugs. Ablynx is dedicated to creating new medicines which will make a real difference to society. Today, the Company has more than [45 proprietary and partnered programmes](#) in development in various therapeutic areas including inflammation, haematology, immuno-oncology, oncology and respiratory disease. The Company has collaborations with multiple pharmaceutical companies including AbbVie; Boehringer Ingelheim; Eddingpharm; Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, New Jersey, USA; Merck KGaA; Novartis; Novo Nordisk; Sanofi and Taisho Pharmaceuticals. The Company is headquartered in Ghent, Belgium. More information can be found on www.ablynx.com.

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